Me and My Ainia

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One day in the wonderful world of the Esthetique Realm, a single brave soul approached our admins with the most horrible news ever
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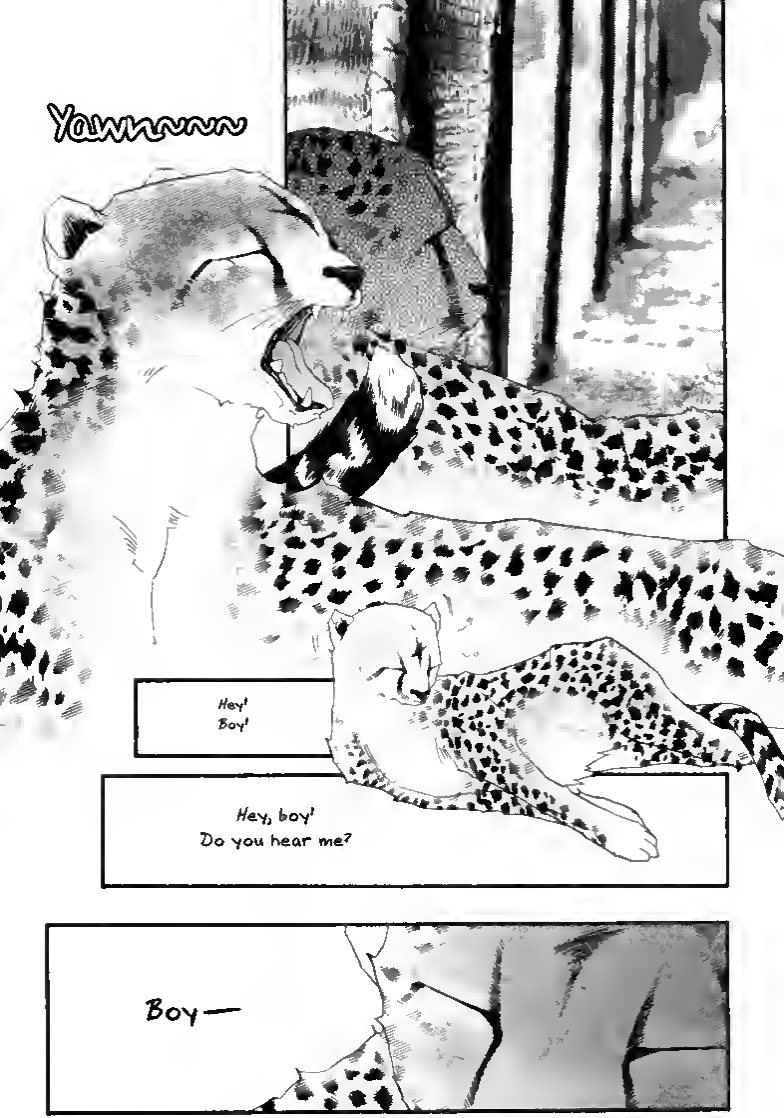
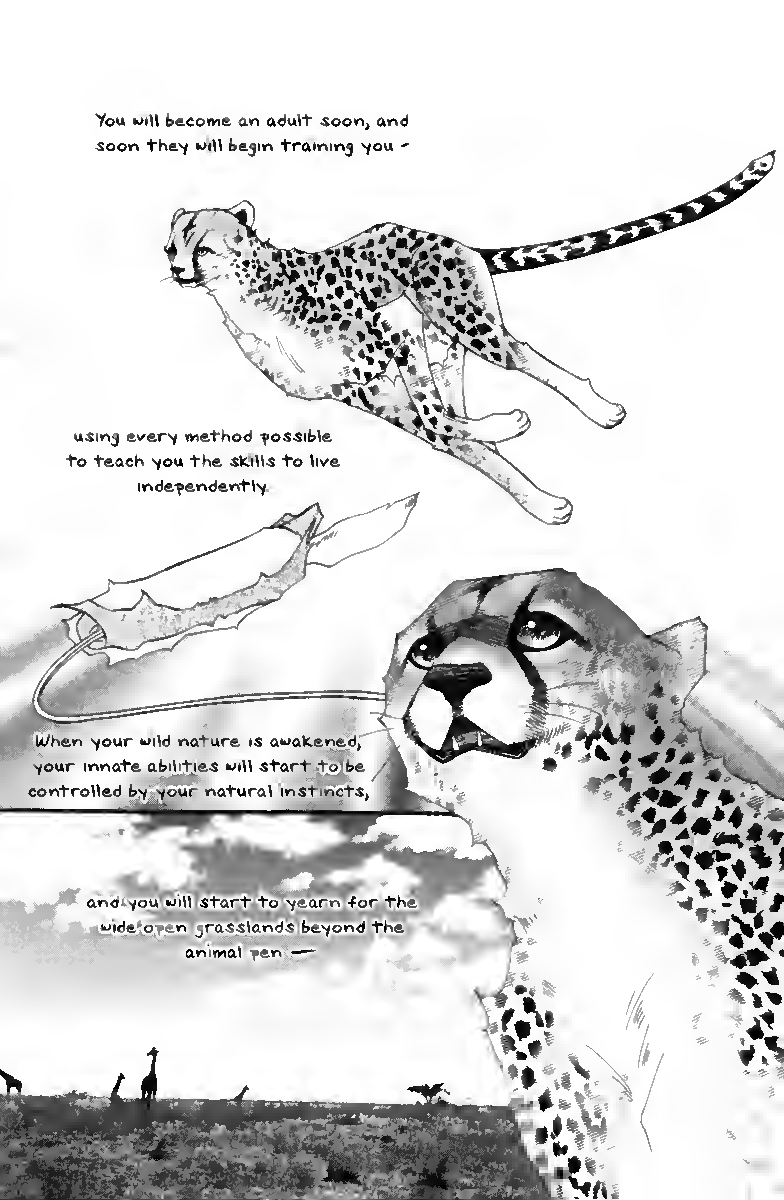
Kitsune Admin
FROZEN
Rose? Did you hear me?
WOBBLE
Oh, crap!
Kitsune-sama! Are you OK?
BONK!
What could've been so bad as to render all of our admins totally unconcious?
Was it a worldwide shortage of manga? Did Shoujo manga cease to exist?
Oh, no! It was something much more sinister
STAFF SHORT-AGES!
SNAP!
HUGE PILES OF TRANSLATED CHAPTERS...
SPREAD THE NEWS, WE NEED NEW EDITORS AND QC-ERS STAT!
If you think you've got what it takes, contact us at esthetiquestaff@gmail.com.

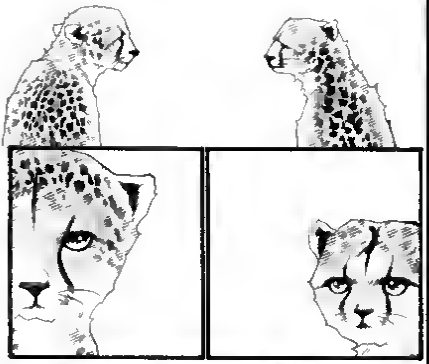
WE'RE LEAVING! WE'RE TAKING LUWAR BACK HOME!
BE GOOD WHILE YOU'RE HOME ALONE!
BYE-BYE! AINIA!
I'LL BE BACK SOON!
THE OTHER UNCLES WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU


Yawnnnn
Hey!
Boy!
Hey, boy!
Do you hear me?
Boy—

Just what do you think you are - a human or a cheetah?
The way you are so close to humans, there will be trouble sooner or later!

I'm old and sick, and can no longer move around freely otherwise,
I would rather die on the grasslands - that's the true final resting place for cheetahs
I grew up here. Jacky and Papa are my family,
and the conservation center is my home
What's wrong with that?
What's the difference? I like it better here
What an apathetic fellow! Such a disgrace to us cheetahs!
I get to eat, sleep, and play- it's great!
You're a cheetah, the prairies are your true home!
Then why are you lounging around here?


You will become an adult soon, and soon they will begin training you -
using every method possible to teach you the skills to live independently.
When your wild nature is awakened, your innate abilities will start to be controlled by your natural instincts,
and you will start to yearn for the wide open grasslands beyond the animal pen —



HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA!

No worries! Papa and Jacky definitely can't bear to see me go!
What a joker!

Then that will be the time for you to leave...

Oh ho he hee~ I'm soooo blessed ~ Heh heh heh heh heh!
Jacky's mother...
...was killed by your mother!
It looks like you still don't know...
Ah?
Know what?

That year, your mother was close to full term with her pregnancy when she was wounded by a trap. She was rescued by Jacky's parents who took meticulous care of her

But for the sake of protecting her own child, your mother surprisingly killed Jacky's mother!

This incident proves that it is impossible for there to be a relationship of mutual trust between cheetahs and mankind

A relationship that was nurtured for over a year still concluded in tragedy And in the end, your mother was returned to the grasslands

The hunting instinct -
that bloodthirsty gene is firmly embedded in your blood,
Waiting for the day
to break free—
CLANK!

WE'RE SET!
PAPA WILL RELEASE THE MECHANICAL RABBIT IN A LITTLE WHILE, ARE YOU ALL SET OVER THERE?
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THE MECHANICAL RABBIT IS A TOOL USED TO TEST A CHEETAH'S SPEED AND TO AID THE REHABILITATION OF WOUNDED CHEETAHS
AINIA, YOU MUST CATCH THE MECHANICAL RABBIT!
READY—
DO YOUR BEST!
Yes!

GO——
WHOOSH!
Hurry and chase after it!
AINIA!

When you have learned all the survival skills,
that is the time when you will leave...

Aimia didn't even run at all!
WHAT HAP-PENED?
HE PROBABLY DIDN'T SEE IT I'LL RELEASE IT AGAIN!
PAPA WILL RELEASE THE RABBIT AGAIN,
SO THIS TIME YOU HAVE TO WATCH CARE-FULLY!
Aimia! Run!
Whoosh!
Rattle rattle rattle

LICK!
A quick nap...
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Yaaaunn
So tiiired

Papa, look!
Look at what Ainia's doing!
CHEETAH
Get up and chase the rabbit!
Why didn't you run?
You lazy pig!
WHACK!
I'm telling you to get up!
AAAARGH!
You make me so mad!
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Might as well roll over!
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I have never seen
...a cheetah with absolutely no interest in giving chase or competing with speed—
CHEETAH
This is a complete violation of the basic cheetah instincts!
This isn't right!
AINIA!
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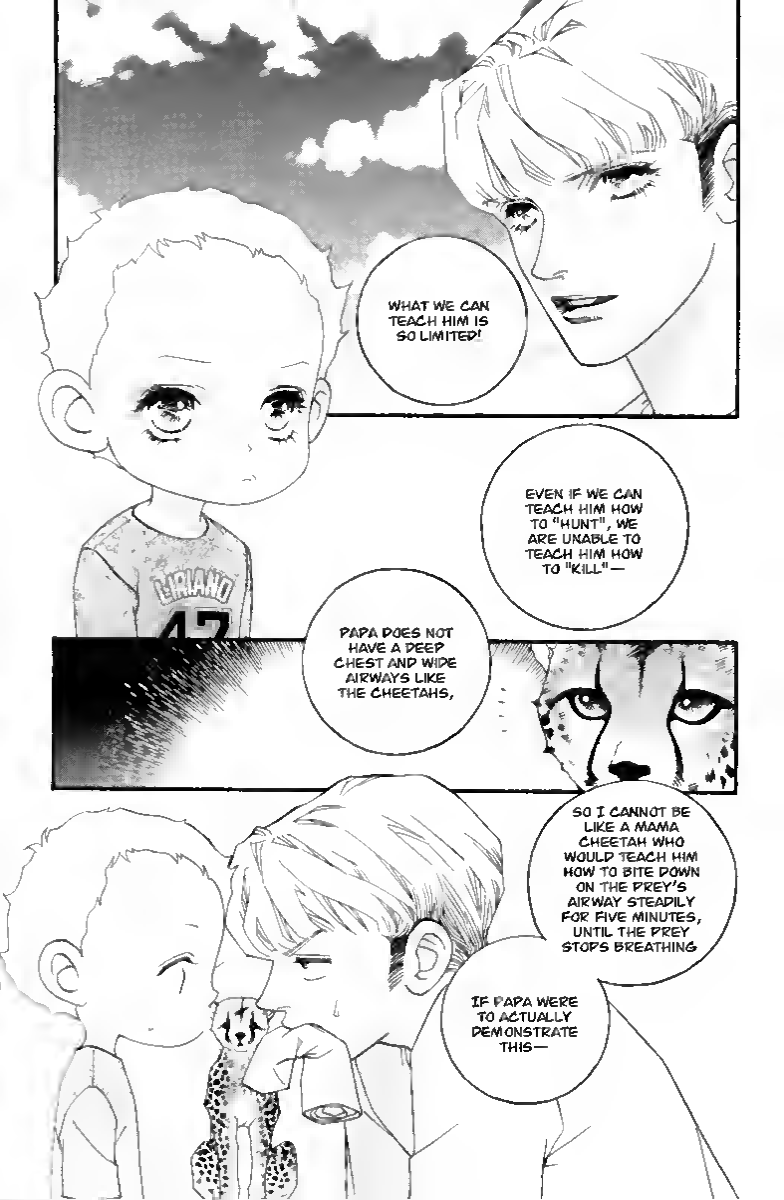
If you still won't get up, I'm going to smack you!

Just what is the problem?

Streeeetch~
Aiyayayayayayaaaa~~~~
PUNCH!
GO AWAY!

I HATE AINIA THE MOST! I HATE BIG IDIOTS!
It's fine even if I am hated... It's okay even if I'm a big idiot...
TUMBLING~~~~
Himph!
Himph!
Creeeeepnnn
Creeeeepnnn
WHACK!
WHACK!
WHACK!
WHACK!

I only want to be able to remain here forever...
Hmph!
To Jacky's young mind, the only point to all of the training is for the sake of avoiding snake bites
JACKY, YOU CAN'T BE IMPATIENT WITH AINIA'S TRAINING IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S GOING TO GET BIT BY A SNAKE ON A DAILY BASIS,
Puh-yaaah~ Big brudder is so meeean! Ainia hittin meeeeee~~
SO JUST TEACH HIM SLOWLY!


WHAT WE CAN TEACH HIM IS SO LIMITED!
EVEN IF WE CAN TEACH HIM HOW TO "HUNT", WE ARE UNABLE TO TEACH HIM HOW TO "KILL"—
PAPA DOES NOT HAVE A DEEP CHEST AND WIDE AIRWAYS LIKE THE CHEETAHS,
SO I CANNOT BE LIKE A MAMA CHEETAH WHO WOULD TEACH HIM HOW TO BITE DOWN ON THE PREY'S AIRWAY STEADILY FOR FIVE MINUTES, UNTIL THE PREY STOPS BREATHING
IF PAPA WERE TO ACTUALLY DEMONSTRATE THIS—

OUT OF BREATH JUST LIKE THAT? THAT IS SO LAME! HAHAHAHAHAHA! SO LAME!
Not even five minutes! Before the preycicles, Papa will have first died from asphyxiation!
Uh ho ho hoo~
Uh ho ho hoo~
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HA!
HA!
WHAT'RE YOU LAUGHING AT? HURRY UP AND TAKE AIM TO THE ANIMAL PEN!
I'm trying to teach you! What's there to laugh at?
HA!
HA!
IT'S TIME TO START TRAINING!
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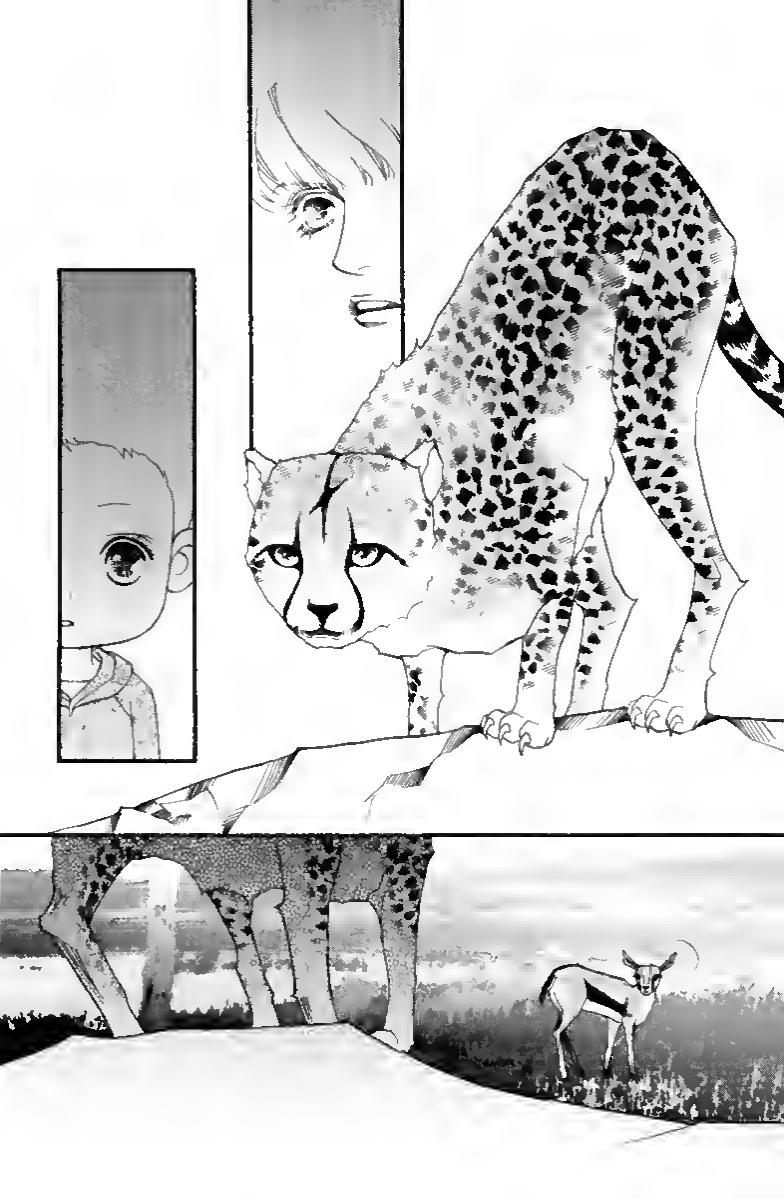
ANOTHER CHEETAH HAS BEEN KILLED IN THE CONSERVATION AREA!
Chief! CHIEF!
WHAT?

DARN IT. .
WE'RE TOO LATE
WAS IT DONE BY THE MAASAI PEOPLE?
PROBABLY NOT. SOMEONE REPORTED SEEING A SUSPICIOUS JEEP LEAVING IN A HURRY,
AND THE PERSON IN THE TRUCK WAS WEARING WHAT LOOKED LIKE THE CONSERVATION AREA'S PATROL OFFICER'S UNIFORM
PATROL OFFICER? HOW IS THAT POS-SIBLE?!
CHEETA
CONSERVATION CENT

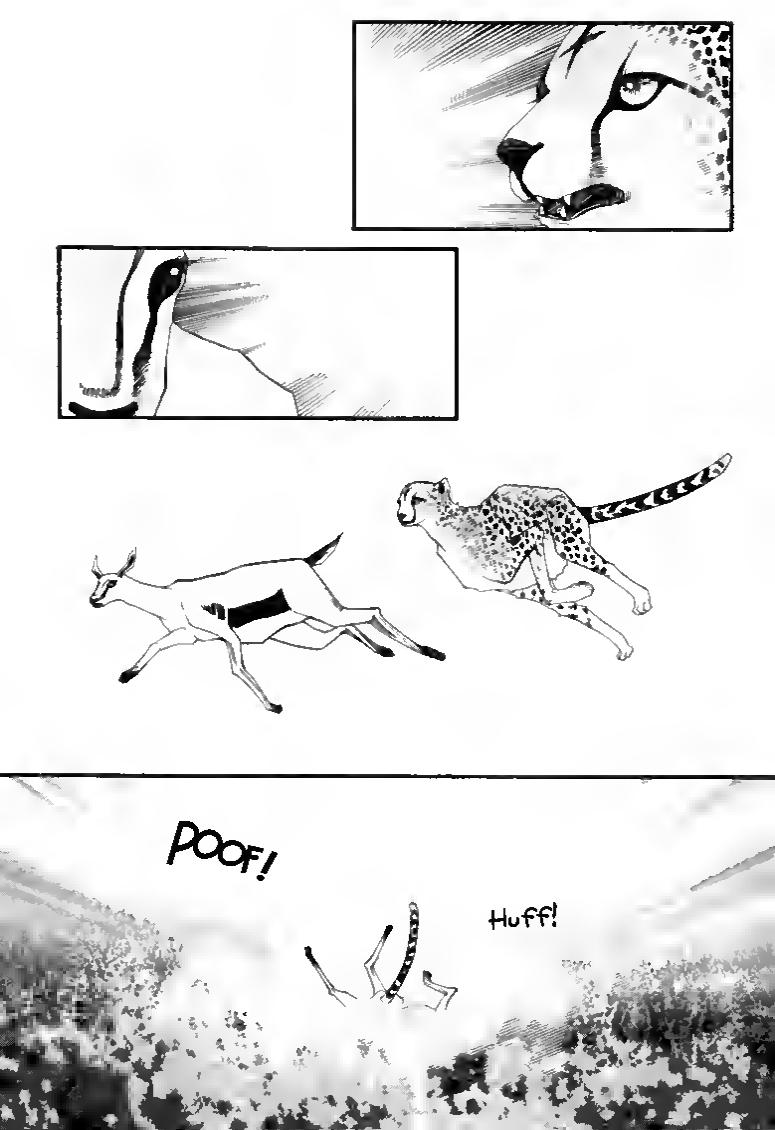
THIS TIME THEY COULDN'T TAKE THE CARCASS WITH THEM BECAUSE WE DISCOVERED IT EARLY
IF IT REALLY WAS POACHERS, THEN IT WILL BE TROUBLESOME
I HAVE TO REPORT THIS CASE OF PATROL OFFICER IMPERSONATION TO THE CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT IMMEDIATELY!
MY GUESS IS POACHERS!
A POACHER COULD VERY LIKELY HAVE BEEN MASQUERADING AS A PATROL OFFICER WHILE SEARCHING THE CONSERVATION AREA FOR POACHING TARGETS
POACHING?

JACKY?
JACKY, TIME TO GO!
PAPA...
IT'S BETTER FOR AINIA TO JUST BE AN IDIOT AFTER ALL...
IT'S VERY SAFE IF WE SHUT HIM UP AT HOME, WHERE HE WON'T GET BITTEN BY SNAKES, WON'T GET SHOT AND KILLED BY BAD PEOPLE...
THEN... IT DOESN'T MATTER EVEN IF WE DON'T TRAIN HIM...

AINIA?
AINIA?
EH?
AINIA IS OVER THERE—



WHOOOOOSH!


POOF!
Huff!

AINIA—
CHEETAH

Huff!
Huff!
Huff!
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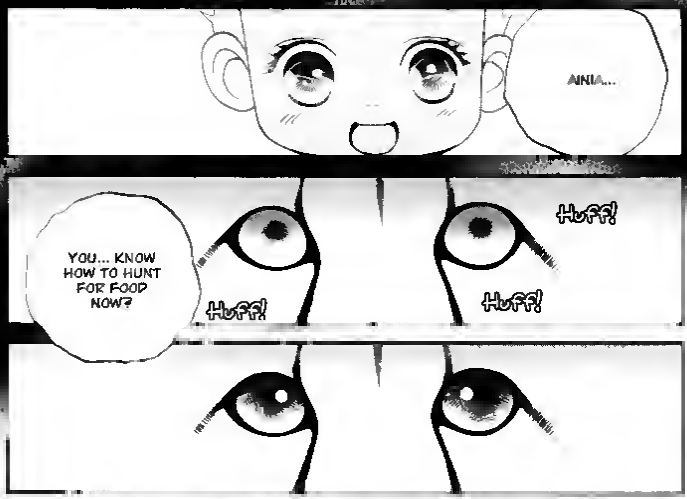
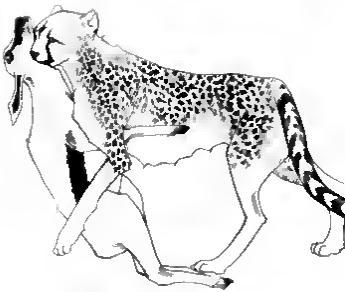
Huff!

D... DON'T GET TOO CLOSE...
The hunting instinct - that bloodthirsty gene is firmly embedded in your blood,
AINIA?
CHEETAH
Waiting for the day to break free—



Jacky's [illegible]...
was killed by [illegible] mother!



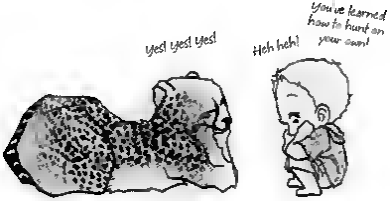
Mommy's waiting for you at home!
Don't play too hard!
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry on home!
So obeeedient~
Sooo obedient~
So goood~
So good~
Bye—Bye!
Crazy lunatic! You're a luuunaaatic~

Aimia!
You know how to hunt for food now!
That's awesome!

What surprised me was not that he knows how to hunt and kill, but—
can he actually decipher man's facial expressions?
FROM NOW ON, AINIA WILL LIVE IN THE ANIMAL PEN,
HE CAN'T SLEEP WITH YOU ANYMORE!
WHY?
CHEETAH

WHAT IF HE GOES INTO AN ANIMALISTIC RAGE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND CLAMPS DOWN ON YOUR WINDPIPE?
NO WAY! AINIA DEFINITELY WON'T DO THAT!
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE WAY HE CLAMPED DOWN ON THAT GAZELLE'S THROAT?
AINIA
SORRY...
PAPA HAS DECIDED! THAT'S FINAL!
PAPA—

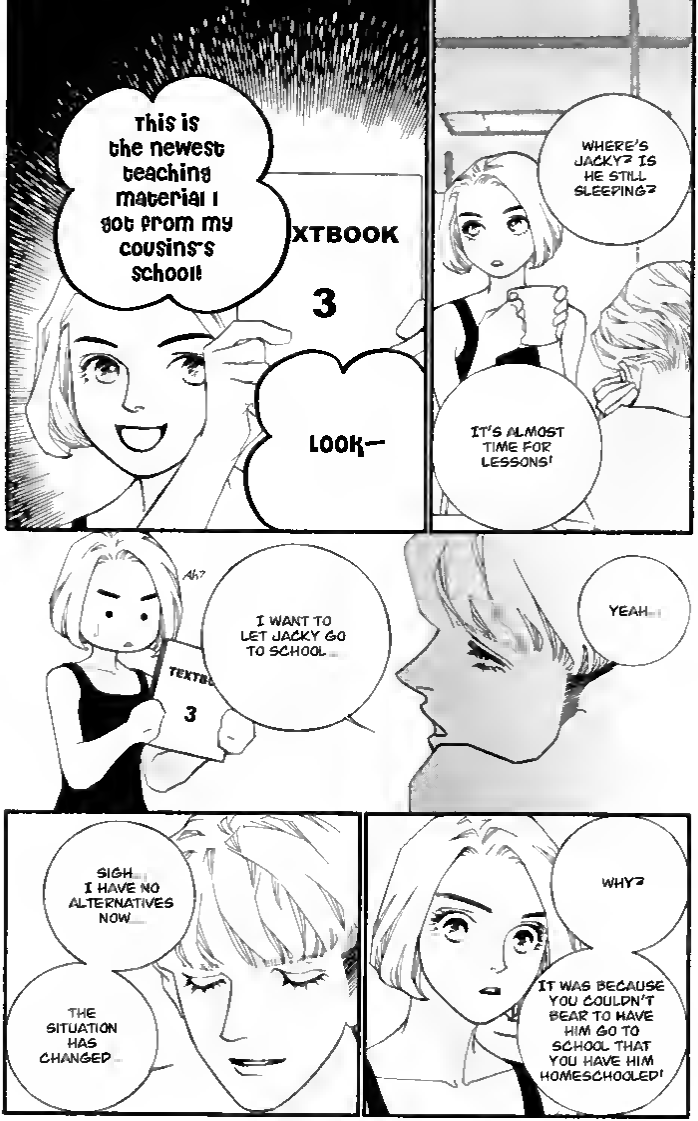
YOU HAVE TO BE GOOD WHILE YOU ARE STAYING IN HERE, SO THAT YOU DON'T MAKE PAPA MAD AGAIN!
WAIT UNTIL PAPA'S ANGER DISSIPATES, THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COME HOME.
How come I'm always the bad guy?
PAPA IS LIKE THIS EVERY TIME, SO ANNOYING!
UNDERSTAND?


Yes! Yes! Yes!
Heh heh!
You've learned how to hunt on your own!

EH? WHERE ARE YOU GOING SO LATE AT NIGHT? YOU SHOULD BE IN THE BATH!
Uhn!
Uhn!
I'M MOVING AINIA'S BED FOR HIM!
HE LIKES TO SLEEP IN HIS OWN BED!
Tch! Never heard of a cheetah needing his own bed to sleep!

DO YOU NEED HELP?
No need.
Uhmmm
Uhhhmm
JACKY! YOU CAN'T OPEN THE GATES TO THE ANIMAL PEN BY YOURSELF!
PAPA WILL HELP YOU!
Hmph!
WHATEVER!
He's going to the animal pen by himself?
Eh?
When he gets there he has to open the gate in order to shove the bed into the animal pen, right?
Doesn't that mean...

Sheeeer
Sheeeer
Sheeeer
Sheeeer
What's that?
It looks so cozy!
Let me lie on it for a bit!
So luxurious~
Sigh~
WHY ARE YOU SIGHING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?
CLACK!


This is the newest teaching material I got from my cousin's school!
XTBOOK
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LOOK—
WHERE'S JACKY? IS HE STILL SLEEPING?
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR LESSONS!
Ah?
I WANT TO LET JACKY GO TO SCHOOL...
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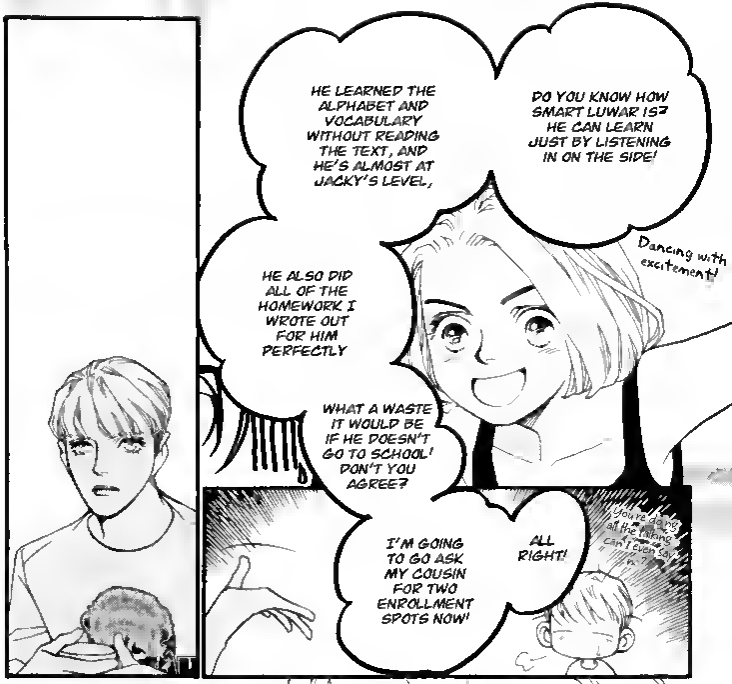
YEAH...
SIGH... I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVES NOW...
THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED...
WHY?
IT WAS BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T BEAR TO HAVE HIM GO TO SCHOOL THAT YOU HAVE HIM HOMESCHOOLED!

HE'S ALREADY 6 YEARS OLD, YET HE DOESN'T HAVE A SINGLE FRIEND HIS AGE—
HE HAS LUWAR!
THAT'S JUST ONE, HOW'S THAT ENOUGH? WHAT I MEAN IS—
I DON'T WANT HIM TO KEEP HANGING AROUND WITH CHEETAHS!
CAN YOU IMAGINE IT?
AFTER ALL THAT YOU'VE SAID, THE REAL REASON IS STILL AINIA?

A cheetah who, like humans, can carefully weigh a person's words and closely watch their facial expressions—
A cheetah who understands human behavior,
A cheetah who learned to hunt and kill on his own,
Putting such an animal together with Jacky - is it beneficial or harmful?

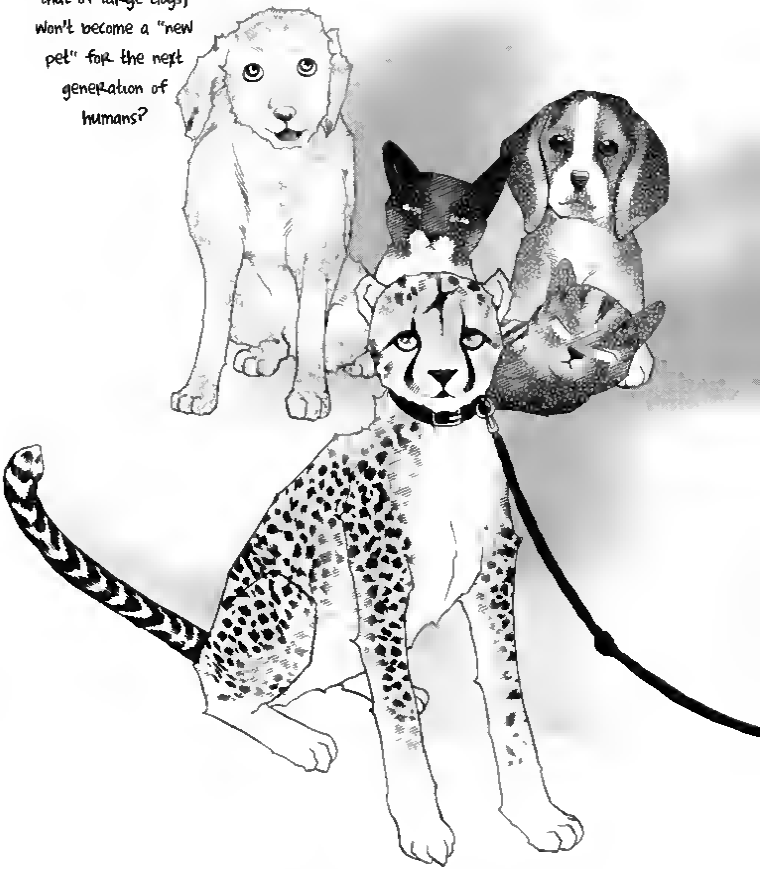
SO I'VE DECIDED TO VIGOROUSLY TRAIN AINIA FROM NOW ON,
AND THE MINUTE THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT COMES, I WILL IMMEDIATELY RELEASE HIM BACK TO THE PRAIRIES!
BUT YOU HAVE TO CONVINCE ZUBA TO LET LUWAR ATTEND SCHOOL, TOO!
OH?
I UNDERSTAND... I WILL CONSULT MY COUSIN AND SEE

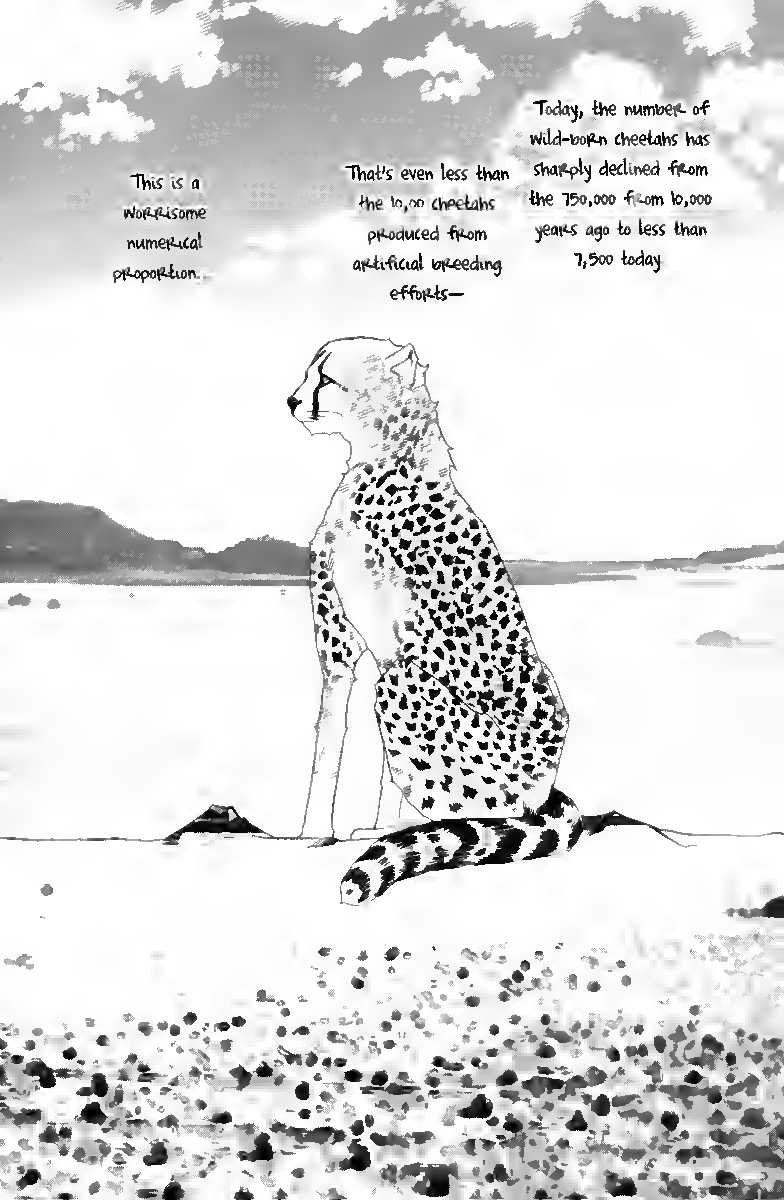

DO YOU KNOW HOW SMART LUWAR IS? HE CAN LEARN JUST BY LISTENING IN ON THE SIDE!
HE LEARNED THE ALPHABET AND VOCABULARY WITHOUT READING THE TEXT, AND HE'S ALMOST AT JACKY'S LEVEL,
Dancing with excitement!
HE ALSO DID ALL OF THE HOMEWORK I WROTE OUT FOR HIM PERFECTLY
WHAT A WASTE IT WOULD BE IF HE DOESN'T GO TO SCHOOL! DON'T YOU AGREE?
ALL RIGHT!
I'M GOING TO GO ASK MY COUSIN FOR TWO ENROLLMENT SPOTS NOW!
You're losing all the training, I can't even say it...

A cheetah who is too humanized, is it a good thing? OR is it bad?

It only took several hundred years for mankind to domesticate cats and dogs into house pets,

Who can guarantee that the cheetah, whose build matches that of large dogs, won't become a "new pet" for the next generation of humans?




Today, the number of wild-born cheetahs has sharply declined from the 750,000 from 10,000 years ago to less than 7,500 today
That's even less than the 10,00 cheetahs produced from artificial breeding efforts—
This is a worrisome numerical proportion.

Ainia won't be an exception!
Therefore, each and every cheetah the conservation center releases into the wild counts,
Shhhh—